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SUBJ: CARDINAL SILVA INTERVIEW IN AUSTRIA

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1. CHILEAN CARDINAL RAUL SILVA HENRIQUEZ IS TRAVELING IN EUROPE AFTER VISIT TO US. THERE HAS BEEN ALMOST NO COVERAGE OF HIS TRIP IN THE CHILEAN PRESS. HOWEVER, GOC'S LA PATRIA ON MAY 17 CARRIED ANSA REPORT OF INTERVIEW WHICH CARDINAL GAVE TO VATICAN RADIO DURING HIS VISIT TO AUSTRIA. NO OTHER PAPER CARRIED STORY.

2. LA PATRIA HEADLINED CARDINAL'S ASSURANCE THAT GOC HAS NOT LIMITED HIS FREEDOM OR TRIED TO CONTROL HIM. TEXT ITSELF INDICATES CARDINAL HAS NOT SOFTENED CRITICISM. HE IS QUOTED AS SAYING THAT CHURCH HAD "NOT BEEN ABLE TO DO ALL IT WISHED IN CHILE," AND "WE HAVE NOT ALWAYS BEEN HEARD." HE ADDED: "NOT ALL CHILEANS ARE IN THE SAME SITUATION, AND THERE EXISTS A MINORITY WHICH IS TRULY SUFFERING." IN OBVIOUS REFERENCE TO KNOWN JUNTA PREFERENCE THAT HE BE FOUND EMPLOYMENT OUTSIDE OF CHILE, CARDINAL "MADE CLEAR THAT THE MAJORITY OF CHILEANS DO NOT WANT HIM TO LEAVE ARCHDIOCESE." IN THE TWO LAST CONVERSATIONS WITH POPE PAUL, BOTH POPE AND CARDINAL "WERE IN FULL AGREEMENT"

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